
UTAH YOUTH SUMMIT PROPOSAL 2004



Utah Youth Summit

The Utah Youth Summit cultivates youth and adult partnerships and provides youth with a foundation of leadership life skills that enhance confidence and knowledge while fostering a commitment to life long service.



WHO ARE WE?

The following partners have collaborated to host the Sixth Annual Utah Youth Summit, and each share a common goal of promoting volunteerism and a culture of lifelong service in our youth.

Utah Commission on Volunteers

The Utah Commission on Volunteers improves communities through service and volunteering in Utah. The Commission, chaired by the Lt. Governor, administers and coordinates Corporation for National and Community Service Programs, such as AmeriCorps; manages and promotes Citizen Corps efforts; and provides technical support to Utah's 20 Volunteer Centers.

Utah's Promise

Utah's Promise is a grassroots effort that mobilizes volunteers to improve local communities. It also seeks to deliver five fundamental promises to Utah's children and youth: a caring adult; safe places; a healthy start; marketable skills; and opportunities to serve.

YES Ambassador

The Utah Commission on Volunteers works closely with the YES (Youth Engaged in Service) Ambassador program sponsored by the Points of Light Foundation. The YES Ambassador works full time to promote youth service statewide and will continue to play a key role in planning the Youth Summit to realize the goal for Utah's youth volunteers.

Utah State Office of Education

The Utah State Office of Education promotes consistency in implementation of education policy and advocacy for students through leadership, service and accountability.

Utah Campus Compact

Utah Campus Compact is a coalition of college and university presidents and their campuses committed to foster in students the values and skills of citizenship through active involvement in academically based and co-curricular civic and community service.



WHAT IS OUR GOAL?

The goal of the Utah Youth Summit is to provide youth with the tools needed to make long-term changes in their communities. The Summit will instill in youth the principle that service is a way of life, not just a project. This goal will be achieved through the following:

- A three-day leadership conference
- Training seminars
- Service-learning projects
- Follow-up meetings
- Interaction with people of various backgrounds
- Building friendships through teambuilding activities
- Networking existing youth organizations such as 4-H, Girl Scouts, HOSA, Youth Courts and City Councils, Interact and Key Clubs, Youth Crime Watch and others



WHY A UTAH YOUTH SUMMIT?

- Youth want to be involved in solving the challenges they face
- Youth have skills that can be applied to solving these challenges
- Youth are valuable resources that should be empowered
- Youth need opportunities to make decisions and accept responsibility
- To provide a forum where youth service organizations can network and share resources
- To involve youth in the needs and benefits of service
- To equip youth with the tools to make a difference



WHAT RESOURCES DO YOUTH HAVE TO OFFER?

- The ability to relate to other youth
- Experience in the real world of youth
- Leadership abilities
- Ability to shape the future of tomorrow, starting today
- Open minds
- Energy and enthusiasm



WHAT WERE THE RESULTS OF PREVIOUS UTAH YOUTH SUMMITS?

Since 1999, the Utah Youth Summit has trained over 1200 youth in leadership skills, youth and adult partnerships and effective service. These youth have impacted their communities through volunteer service by:

- Promoting and strengthening youth service across the state
- Participating in national days of service such as Join Hands Day and Make a Difference Day
- Receiving recognition through the Presidential Student Service Awards as well as youth volunteer service awards
- Implementing five regional youth summits



WHAT ARE THE PROJECTED RESULTS FOR THE 2004 UTAH YOUTH SUMMIT?

By participating in the Utah Youth Summit, one hundred youth from various organizations statewide will be able to positively impact their communities by:

- Understanding the philosophy of service-learning
- Fostering relationships between youth and service agencies
- Implementing a state-wide youth action council
- Engaging in character building opportunities
- Increasing opportunities for youth to be viewed as valuable resources
- Developing marketable skills for youth and adults
- Creating opportunities to give back to communities
- Making new friends and having fun!



2004 UTAH YOUTH SUMMIT SCHEDULE

Monday, August 2

- 9:00 a.m. Arrive, check in, participate in teambuilding activities
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch and Welcome Session
- 1:30 p.m. Keynote Speech: Steve Nelson "Why you are the catalyst"
- 2:15 p.m. Breakout sessions 1: International focus
- 3:15 p.m. Breakout sessions 2: Local focus
- 4:00 p.m. Breakout sessions 3: Skill-building focus
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Personal maps, future plans exercise
- 9:00 p.m. Activity & Social

Tuesday, August 3

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. Curt Larsen: Good morning! You vs. the 21st Century.
- 9:30 a.m. Service Projects at various sites in Salt Lake City, bring bag lunch
- 1:15 pm Becoming a global citizen
- 2:30 pm Group presentation work in smaller teams
- 5:00 pm Giant Human Foozball
- 6:00 pm Dinner and slide show of service projects
- 7:00 pm Reflection activities in groups, presentations
- 9:00 pm Compile team journal

Wednesday, August 4

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Curt Larsen: Good morning! You're Older Than You've Ever Been
- 10:15 a.m. Linda Dunn: Your charge for the year
- 10:30 a.m. Graduation ceremony
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch, goodbyes
- 1:00 p.m. Depart



WHY DOES YOUR DONATION MATTER?

- Provides an opportunity for Utah youth to attend regardless of financial ability
- Excites youth about service involvement and includes them in a positive peer group
- Invests in tomorrow's leaders
- Empowers youth
- Service is a way of life, not just a project

WITHOUT YOUR HELP THE 2004 UTAH YOUTH SUMMIT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



“How wonderful it is that nobody
need wait a single moment before
starting to improve the world.”

-Anne Frank

